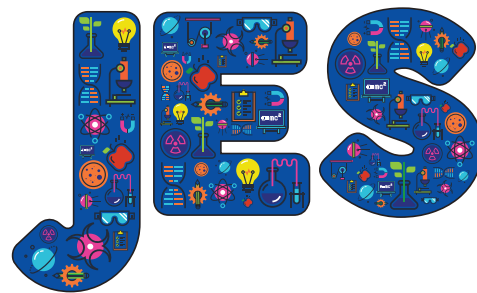


Resource Review



Mastering Primary Science

By: Amanda McCrory and Kenna Worthington

Published in 2018 by Bloomsbury Publishing

Price: £17.99 Pb

ISBN: 978 1 474277 43 3

This book forms part of the *Mastering Primary Teaching* series, which tackles different curriculum areas in the primary curriculum. This book focuses on primary science and considers various issues related to the teaching of science to young children.

It starts with asking readers to reflect on their own personal views of the nature of science and what they believe is involved in doing science with primary children. It puts forward arguments on how science promotes children's enthusiasm to investigate the world around them, follow their curiosity, and be more creative as they develop a knowledge and understanding of basic scientific concepts and inquiry skills. A strong argument on the contribution that science makes to society and how scientists work creatively to innovate is made. In addition, the book also provides examples of children's work to illustrate how issues raised are reflected in practice. Other important aspects related to classroom practice, such as children's ideas, and assessment, are also considered.

The book is written in a fresh and easygoing style, which encourages one to read on. The flowing text also promotes a positive view of primary science and encourages readers to take on the challenge of planning and implementing engaging science activities. The practical examples and the direct references to the curriculum make science accessible to all teachers, even those who do not feel so confident in science.

This book is thus appropriate and recommended for student teachers as well as those teachers who wish to improve their practice and get children more engaged in learning science effectively.

Suzanne Gatt

